

ABSTRACT

CREATIVE PROJECT: Is it worth saving? A decision-making guide to purchasing a historic home

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The proposed topic of study was designed to educate individuals interested in evaluating a historic home for rehabilitation. This creative project provides direction for a decision-making guide that potential homeowners can utilize to judge if the particular historic property home is worth purchasing and rehabilitating. The problem being addressed is the lack of knowledge some people face when attempting to buy a historic home. Some homebuyers are unsure what options they face in the process as well as what key issues can be great varying points in their decision to purchase. This knowledge is valuable to potential homeowners looking to purchase historic homes as well as the chance to save some of the many declining, historic homes. Within the planning field, these small efforts are contributing to infill development while having the potential to limit urban sprawl.

The method in which this project prevailed stems from the basic question of: "Is the structure worth saving?" The levels of the decision-making guide branch off of this question through various systems and aspects, each of which have two or more distinct, possible outcomes. The information within each of these outcomes is based on professional references, personal experience, and written literature related to the assessment of value factors. Ultimately,

the decision should help indicate whether the user will decide to purchase the home or not, based on the provided factors.